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For: DEVICE FOR NOTCHING
THE SPINE OF A BOOK BLOCK
FORMED WITH COMPRESSED
SIGNATURES

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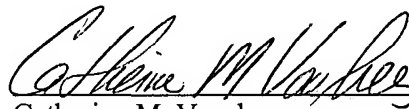
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